

B<sup>1</sup> packet priority submodule and an IP routing submodule. These submodules may be either hardware modules or subroutines preprogrammed to processor 38. In brief, the DHCP/NAT submodule provides dynamic address assignments for connecting to the Internet so that, as far as the internet is concerned, module 2 looks like any other PC connection. This is important insofar as ordinarily if a device is connected to a communications network, a particular address is assigned to that device. And since there is only one address assigned to a given device, prior to the instant invention, only one type of communication is deemed possible at any one time via that device.--

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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1-3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 13-21, 23, 25, and 26 by way of replacement, and add claims 27-29 as follows. For convenience all pending claims are set forth as follows, and a marked-up version of the amended claims is enclosed in the Appendix.

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B<sup>2</sup> 1. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for enabling more than one communicative process to be carried on at the same time over a subscriber line, comprising:

a network interface means for connecting to a circuit switched telephone network;

a telephone interface means for connecting to at least one telephone, wherein the telephone interface means is adapted to patch a call from the one telephone to the circuit switched telephone network via the network interface means upon a determination that no data connection is established to the circuit switched telephone network;

a computer interface means for connecting to at least one computer; and